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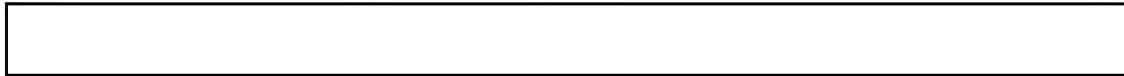


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Common Market - Britain: Negotiations on Britain's accession to the Common Market (EEC), which have adjourned until 1 August, are snagged primarily on the issue of Commonwealth exports of agricultural products grown in the temperate zone. Although the British delegation last week accepted an EEC commitment to negotiate "special arrangements" on such products if no world-wide commodity agreements have been reached by 1970, London is still seeking more tangible assurances for the Commonwealth. Britain remains particularly opposed to the gradual elimination by 1970 of the tariff preferences it grants to Commonwealth farmers. It wants the EEC to spell out its proposed declaration of intent to keep farm prices at a "reasonable" level within the EEC.

In the opinion of Ambassador Butterworth, the possibility of a "standoff" when the talks resume tomorrow cannot be ruled out. Nevertheless, both sides still appear to be seeking mutually acceptable compromises, and some of the professions of gloom appear intended to support bargaining positions.

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Portugal: Lisbon's 21 July annulment of Angolan Governor General Deslandes' decree establishing a provincial university in Angola could increase frictions within the Salazar regime. Lisbon's move, reportedly ordered by Salazar himself, has given ammunition to Overseas Minister Moreira's detractors, such as former Defense Minister Santos Costa, who, like Moreira, is reported to be ambitious to replace Salazar. Governor General Deslandes has publicly accepted Lisbon's annulment of his decree but continues to claim that the establishment of a university lies within his competence as supreme commander of "the largest part of the national territory and the most important nucleus of Portuguese armed forces."

The government's action on 23 July permitting a university to be established in Angola, but only under strict control from Lisbon, appears to have averted a crisis in Angola for the time being. Failure of the Salazar regime, however, to implement the overseas reform program it is said to be contemplating could result in increased opposition at home and in the territories.

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